

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on February 5, 1999 at 3:20 P.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Red Menahan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. Minutes were recorded on a Sony BI-85, references are measured in inches rather than minutes.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 307, HB 50, HB 124, HB 437,
2/2/1999
Executive Action: HB 6, HB 8, HB 437

HEARING ON HB 307

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. John L. Holden, HD 86, presented HB 307.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 33}

Proponents' Testimony:

Candace Payne, WIFE

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 33 - 87}

Betty Waddell, Montana Association of Churches

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 88 - 185}

Rodney Young, Montana Farmers Union

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 185 - 214}

Bob Stevens, Montana Grain Growers

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 214 - 231}

Sharon Hoff, Montana Catholic Conference

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 231 - 239}

Rep. John Witt, HD 89

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 239 - 279}

Rep. Karl Ohs, HD 33

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 279 - 313}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 313 - Side : B;
Approx. Time Counter : 114}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 114 - 137}

HEARING ON HB 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Dick Haines, HD 63, presented HB 124.

EXHIBIT(aph29a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 137 - 230}

Proponents' Testimony:

Don Artley, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
(DNRC), Administrator of Forestry Division
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 230 - 315}

Mark Langdorf, Montana Fire Districts Association, Montana Fire
Alliance
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 315 - 339}

Steve Knecht, Department of Military Affairs
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 339 - 367}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 367 - Tape : 2; Side
: A; Approx. Time Counter : 094}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 94 - 108; Comments :
Rep. Vick assumed the chair in the absence of Chairman Zook.}

HEARING ON HB 437

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, HD 99, presented Joint Appropriations
Subcommittee on Human Services HB 437, with a proposed amendment.
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 108 ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph29a02)}

Proponents' Testimony:

Bill Squires, Montana Telecommunications Association
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 130 - 171}

Steve Browning, Comnet Cellular ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph29a03)
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 171-~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph29a04)}

Barbara Rapp, U. S. West
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 188 - 192; Comments :
This witness did not sign the visitors register.}

Mike Strand, Montana Independent
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 192 - 202}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 202 - 257}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 257 - 265}

HEARING ON HB 50

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Matt McCann, HD 92, presented HB 50.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 265 - 300}

Proponents' Testimony:

Jim Edgcomb, Department of Commerce

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 300 - 403}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 403 - 420}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 437

Motion: REP. KASTEN moved that HB 437 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: REP. KASTEN moved that HB 437 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 420 - 442; Comments : Amendments (Exhibits 2 and 3) were to be combined.}

Motion/Vote: REP. KASTEN moved that HB 437 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 17-1 with P. Bergsagel voting no.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 442 - 449}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 6

Motion: REP. E. BERGSAGEL moved that HB 6 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: REP. E. BERGSAGEL moved that HB 6 BE AMENDED.
Motion carried unanimously. **EXHIBIT** (aph29a05)

Motion/Vote: REP. E. BERGSAGEL moved that HB 6 DO PASS AS
AMENDED. Motion carried 16-2 with P. Bergsagel and Vick voting
no.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 69}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 8

Motion: REP. E. BERGSAGEL moved that HB 8 DO PASS.

Motion: REP. E. BERGSAGEL moved that HB 8 BE **AMENDED**T (aph29a06)

Discussion:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 69 - 145}

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: REP. E. BERGSAGEL moved that HB 8 DO PASS AS
AMENDED. Motion carried 14-4 with P. Bergsagel, Buzzas, Johnson,
and Vick voting no.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 145 - 155}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:00 P.M.

REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (aph29aad)